

# Transition Manager Choice List Special Needs



# Virgil Edwards Region 1 208-664-9896

#### DAC

Virgil has 15 years working with the aged and disabled. He started as a vocational consultant for people with disabilities. He worked through Projects with Industry- grant. He assisted people to have the tools for seeking employment, interviewing, resumes, cover letters, and job seeking skills. He is now employed with Disability Action Center as an Independent Living Specialist. Assisting people with disabilities to be involved in their own lives. Assisting people to be independent or continue to be as independent in their own lives as possible. Helping people to continue to live in their community and offer choice. This fits my philosophy as a person.

# Kathryn Vercruyssen Region 1 208-765-9511

#### **Comfort Keepers**

Kathryn "Kat" is a certified Senior Advisor. With over 12 years as the owner of Comfort Keepers of Idaho. Comfort Keepers provides in-home care services in 16 Idaho counties. As an outreach specialist, Kat has transitioned over 300 seniors and people with disabilities from facilities safely and successfully back into their communities.

# Lynn Lavagnino Region 1 208-664-0858

## **August Home Health**

Lynn is a registered nurse who has been serving Northern Idaho as Executive Director of August Home Health and Boundary Personal Care since 1993. Lynn is a proven advocate and works with efficiency and compassion. Lynn is an active member of the Idaho Home Care Association and NAHC. Lynn makes her home in Post Falls, Idaho. She is a proud mother of two sons and enjoys spending time with them.

# Dave Stacy Region 3&4 541-889-4320

#### **WITCO**

During the last fifteen years of my professional and personal life, I have been dedicated to service and the betterment of the lives of people in my care. Striving for skills I could help learn, or supports that I could put in place to always gain more independence. Moving from being a business owner, this journey began by working with developmentally delayed adults in both group home and job training settings. Assisting with and teaching daily living skills, improving quality of their lives, improving social and peer interaction and fostering community involvement. I also have experience as a therapeutic Foster Parent for Emotionally Disturbed tees, My ultimate goal for all people I serve is to improve their lives and assist people to gain more independence and thereby gaining more empowerment over their lives.

## Shauna McCord Region 2 208-883-1114

## Seubert's Quality Home Care

I have experience working with the elderly, disabled, children and clients with mental illness. I believe every person has the right to a safe and healthy environment and to live the life they choose. I was the Social Service Director at both Latah Health Services and Orchards Rehabilitation and Care Center. I currently work as a Client Care Coordinator for Seubert's Quality Home Care where we help people remain in their homes and provide services that allow them to do so.

# Carol Foster Region 3&4 208-459-0678

#### Addus Health Care

I started in the Health Care Industry when I was 15 years old and knew that I wanted to make my career in the Health Care Industry, I wanted to make a difference in someone's life. I have worked as a CNA, Activity Director, medical records, marketing, and in the office. I moved into the Assisted Living industry where I saw many people who did not need to be there, fall into depression or get angry. Working for Addus Health Care, I have learned that there are a lot of choices for people.

## Tabitha Jolley Region 3&4 208-385-0791

#### **PCS**

I have a BA in Communication from BSU with a minor in mediation. I am a certified mediator, grant writer/manager, CNA, medication certified, and have CPR and first aid training. I have been a PCS provider for disabled children in my home for the last 15 years. I worked for the state for 15 years and have a good knowledge of how difficult programs and paperwork can be on an individual needing assistance. I have a strong philosophy that you need to work hard, but always have fun while doing so. I know this a scary yet very exciting time but, together, we can make it happen.

# Michelle Mitton Region 3&4 208-459-1162

#### **Ability Enhancement Resources**

I have 30 years experience advocating, locating goods and services for adults & children with disabilities. Currently I contract with two case management agencies to allow those I serve to have choices of all services available. I am also employed as a broker for another fifteen adults with Developmental Disabilities assisting them with managing their Self Direct Services. It is my belief that people, regardless of their circumstances, have a right to live a life with choice and dignity.

# Wendy Kotts Region 3&4 208-468-0491

# **Unity Service Coordination**

I have served the disabled population for over 23 years, as a direct care provider, developmental specialist, QMRP, case manager (16 years), and Volunteer (People First, Medicaid Matters, etc). I have experience transitioning individuals from institutional settings to community settings. I am a strong advocate for participant rights, Trained extensively in community programs/resources.

# Leanne Swetland Region 3&4 208-467-6910

#### **WITCO**

It has been my pleasure to have worked in many capacities over the last 34 years helping individuals realize their goals and dreams

## Kerrie Ann Hull Region 3&4 208-467-6910

#### **WITCO**

I have been working in the human services field for six years, gaining much of my experience working with adults and seniors with disabilities. I am currently employed with WITCO, and have been for almost 2 years. I work with adults who have developmental disabilities to help enhance and improve their functional skills. Prior to this I gained valuable experience within the mental health field. In addition, I am one year away from completing my MSW and would love to continue doing what I thoroughly enjoy; helping individuals live independently and work toward reaching their goals.

## **Rick Ho Chee Region 5** *208-751-9065*

#### Omega

I am a 50 year old native Pacific Islander (Samoan), fluent in speaking English, Samoan and can sign simple phrases. I am married and have 3 teenage children. My wife is a clinical instructor for the RN program at the College of Southern Idaho. I graduated from Carroll College in Helena Montana with a BA in Social Work. I am a licensed social worker in Idaho and have served in capacities as owner/Administrator for Omega Service Coordination: a QMRP, Social Worker and Program Director for three ICF/MR's in Twin Falls. Prior to that, I worked for the Department of Health and Welfare as a Child Protection investigator, On-Call worker and Treatment worker for FACS. To summarize, I have worked in the field of Developmental Disabilities and some mental health case management for 25 years and have a wide knowledge and connections in the community with institutional and community based services. I am currently a service coordinator/plan developer with Omega.

# **Deelyn Dudley <u>Region 5</u>** 208-678-9165

## **Independent Growth**

Deelyn has worked as a service coordinator and plan developer for the last 13 years for Independent Growth located in Burley, ID, but has worked with individuals in the whole Magic Valley area. She enjoys working with people that have disabilities, as well as the elderly. As she grew up, she was able to spend time with her grandparents, which gave her an appreciation for older people. She had the privilege of working with one young man while in high school which has extreme challenges in life both physically and mentally/ She is a reliable person who is very compassionate and likes to listen to people. She is knowledgeable about the resources in the Magic Valley area and is the happiest when she is helping someone and making a difference in their life.